

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th May 2014
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 8pm (following AGM)

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC), WPC Amy Hendry (AH) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Andrew Clegg (AC), Sarah Redman (SR)	
2	Police	
	<p><i>This item had been taken prior to the preceding AGM meeting.</i></p> <p>WPC Hendry informed there was little to report at this time. Since the previous meeting there had been some road traffic incidents e.g. speeding, and also a break-in at Rose Cottage. Items of jewellery were stolen. The thieves had also made dinner during the break-in, which indicated a particular nationality of burglar. AH re-iterated the Police request that a continual lookout for any suspicious persons or vehicles in the surrounding area be maintained and the public be vigilant at all times. She also reminded of the new 101 telephone number for contacting Police Scotland. The CC was asked if it was aware of the proposed opening of a police counter at Girvan Hospital, as a letter regarding this had been released. So far, none had been received by Barrhill CC and there was no knowledge of this. AH was thanked by DR for her report and then left the meeting.</p>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 23rd April 2014	
	These were approved; proposed by MB, seconded AR.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>Blocked Overflow on B7027: With reference to this and other items, CS had duly replied to Kevin Braidwood of the Roads Alliance, citing all matters raised at the previous meeting. KB had replied to this (forwarded to all, as was a further email with an update regarding future roadworks. It was noted that some items were being referred to the appropriate section.</p> <p>Joint meeting: DR, AS, CS and JT had attended the latest one on Tuesday 13th May, on behalf of the CC. DR informed that this had gone well and the forthcoming joint Open Day with BCIC and BMHCA was discussed, with confirmation of the date as Saturday 14th June. It is hoped that all will attend.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: CCCF £50 cheque – this had now been sent.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had finally received a reply, after resending the email to the NHS contact. This had been forward to all, with details of different defibrillators. CS to register interest in obtaining one and also to enquire if the surgery would be willing to have one bolted onto the surgery's external wall. Ongoing.</p> <p>Litter Bin: PL understood that this had now been installed, but it transpired it had not. He will make further enquiries.</p> <p>Item 5: Treasurer's Report: AR repeated her apologies given to the AGM, that she had been unable to submit the accounts to SAC when she intended. They were now ready and handed over to PL, who will kindly submit them to the SAC auditor.</p> <p>Item 8: Correspondence: Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR informed that most C Councillors had attended the meeting with SPR representatives, which was held on Thursday 22nd May. All had been given an update on progress. Construction is anticipated to commence in February 2015.</p> <p>Item 9: AOB: Wallace Terrace Playpark: JMcD informed that he had made enquiries and read out from a reply received from David Lowden. This stated that an inspection had been carried out by an independent play area inspector last December, who discovered several issues with the slide, including heavy corrosion to the metalwork. The slide was therefore removed and replaced with the basket swing, this being installed as the playpark did not have such an 'inclusive' item. However, the installation of a new chute will be considered,</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CS CS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>PL</p>

	should there ever be sufficient funds. Noted, with thanks to JMCD. Jim Wilson: CS has yet to make contact regarding a talk on the prospects for leisure activities at Arecleoch Windfarm,	CS
5	Treasurer's Report	
	AR reported there was obviously no change from the previous meeting, and reported at the preceding AGM. She and CS informed that thank you letters had been received from both the Wee Whist Club and the Arnshen Fellowship Group, which were appreciated, as not all recipients do so. DR thanked AR for her report.	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC CS and JT had attended the meeting on 25th April. CS informed that two resignations had been received, mainly due to ill-health. The following points had been indicated in the public statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's Report: A cheque for £109,630.06 had been received from SPR—this year's Mark Hill payment. • Car Park: The new revised plans will be shown to residents at the Joint Open Day on 14th June and only after all the comments received by residents have been considered will the plans then be submitted to SAC Planning. • Dry Stone Wall for Car Park: After receiving 3 quotes for this a contractor has been appointed. • Martyrs' Tomb: The walk was still out of bounds due to fallen trees blocking the path. • Arnshen Park: The date for finalisation of the purchase of the land was Friday 25th April. • Community Bus: An outing was planned for Saturday 17th May to Cumnock, to either Dumfries House or the Cumnock Factory Outlet, with AR as the driver. • Bursaries: It was confirmed that these are paid out to residents undertaking academic studies only. <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) With AC attending a CF meeting tonight, he had emailed his report to CS for the CC meeting—this was forwarded to all after the CC meeting and is as follows: At the last CF meeting funding was allocated to Barr Playpark; A loan is being offered to Ailsa Horizons (AH) for the purchase of the Davidson hospital. The request by AH for funding highlighted several instances where there was a conflict of interest, which has resulted in AH resigning as the secretariat and CF advertising for a new secretariat. Girvan Youth Trust was given a donation (much less than the salary for a manager as requested) to ensure it remains viable until September. All other applications were deferred until the secretariat issue is resolved. AC became the new treasurer for CF and obtained a full copy of the accounts. These will have to be verified before handing over to a new secretariat. However, on working through the figures he found about £6,000 which had not been added into the Barrhill account, so that is a little extra bonus towards the hall redevelopment.</p> <p>c) CCCCF CS informed that the meeting scheduled for 13th May had been cancelled due to the expected lack of a quorum.</p> <p>d) Joint Meeting (BCC/BCIC/BMHCA) DR felt this meeting, held on Tuesday 13th May had gone well, with progress being made. (See Item 4 above.)</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	AR reported none relevant to Barrhill. Noted DR referred to the recent Kilgallioch update, when it was noted that construction is scheduled to commence in February 2015.	
8	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i> SAC: Community Payback Poster. CS commented that this was rather large to be displayed in the notice board or the shop window. MB will try again to display this. CS enquired of JMCD if there was any information regarding the Health & Safety issue of the squads cleaning road signs. There was none. SAC: Community Council Insurance Cover: These documents had been received. Letters of thanks from Arnshen Fellowship Group and the Wee Whist Club.</p>	

9	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>New Luce Road CS informed that a member of the public had reported no work done as yet on the road between the station and Dochroyle roadend. Noted CS had noted no work done on the station footpath either. (This work had been passed on by Kevin Braidwood to the appropriate person.) To be investigated.</p> <p>Refuse bins on road A complaint had been received regarding refuse bins situated permanently on the road at the corner of a junction. JMcD to investigate.</p> <p>Travel costs for unemployed CS had received an enquiry from Girvan regarding the payment of travel costs from Barrhill for a young person carrying out voluntary work and enquiring if assistance was available from the CC, which it is not. JMcD's advice was sought and he suggested contacting either the Youth Trust or VASA. CS to relay this information.</p> <p>Community Bus: CS informed that the trip to Dumfries House and the Cumnock Factory Outlet on Saturday 17th May had been successful and enjoyed by all. Three non-residents had participated.</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction AC had been asked to raise the following points, which are connected, and had forwarded them to CS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'No white stop lines painted at the end of the road from Mark Hill - these have been requested on at least 2 occasions in the past. Wind farm traffic comes down the hill, can see up the A714 towards Blair Farm and if it is clear pull out, having the right of way on the bridge they do not check for traffic from that direction.' <p>AR will contact SPR re-this. It was noted that there is a metal 'Stop' sign but nothing painted on the road, which it was previously agreed to do.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Obscured vision at bridge The trees have grown and leafed up on either side of the bridge so that when approaching from the village you can no longer see if traffic is approaching the bridge from the other direction. This is particularly important as regards 1 above but is also leading to more traffic not stopping on the Barrhill side of the bridge when they would if their view was not impaired. <p>CS will contact Kevin Braidwood re-this item.</p> <p>School Refurbishment Update AR reported that BMHCA have been asked to a meeting at the school (Memorial Hall) the next day with David Strang from SAC, who will give an update on the plans for moving the school back into its own building. DR and CS will also attend, as representatives of the CC and BCIC.</p> <p>Knowe Road AS reported that this road was still in an appalling state and dangerous to cyclist/motorbikes, particularly the area adjacent to the forestry crossroads. He had met German motorcyclists who loved the area but found the roads in a terrible and dangerous condition. This applies also to cyclists. Kevin Braidwood has informed that the road is to be repaired but there are no dates as yet. AS stressed the importance of reporting road defects to SAC.</p> <p>JMcD affirmed that he was acutely aware of the poor road conditions in South Ayrshire and is to attend a meeting on 10th June regarding this. This will be followed by one in Edinburgh with the Transport Minister, when it is hoped to persuade the Scottish Government to make more funding available to repair the roads infrastructure, as this is badly needed.</p> <p>Timber Trucks on B7027 JT reported that 2 timber vehicles belonging to J & E Dayson had been identified and reported to the Forestry Commission for using the Knowe road. He had learned that the forestry road had now been repaired so there was no longer an excuse for vehicles to use the B7027.</p> <p>Frequency of CC meetings MB queried if it was essential to hold meetings monthly, as a large amount of items were often repeated at meetings. It was pointed out that there are only 10 meetings per year, with none in June and December. A discussion followed and while it was agreed not to follow Pinwherry & Pinmore's recent decision to hold meetings bi-monthly, it was decided to omit the September meeting in the first instance and see what transpired. <i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i></p>	<p>CS JMcD</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AR, DR CS</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7.30pm</u> Meetings for remainder of 2014 Wednesdays 27th August, 22nd October, 26th November NB. There are no meetings in July, September or December</p>	